

REMARKS

Applicant elects the claims of Group II (Claims 31-69, 71, 72) for prosecution with traverse. Applicant elects Species I (Claim 31) for prosecution with traverse. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement to restrict the claims to a specific species in Group II.

Applicant adds new Claims 81 and 82 which are generic to the claims in Species I, III, and V. Consideration and allowance of Claims 81 and 82 is solicited. Consideration and allowance of the claims in Species I, III, and V is solicited.

Applicant also adds new Claim 83 dependent from Claim 31 and including the specific limitations with respect to the stem assembly of Claim 32. Consideration and allowance of Claims 32-40 in Species II is solicited because no additional burden is placed on the examiner in the examination of Claims 32-40 with the examination of Claim 31, Claim 83 dependent from Claim 31, and Claims 81 and 82 generic to Claim 31.

Applicant also adds new Claim 84 dependent from Claim 31 and including the specific limitations with respect to the stem assembly of Claim 71. Consideration and allowance of Claims 71-72 in Species VII is solicited because no additional burden is placed on the examiner in the examination of Claims 71-72 with the examination of Claim 31, Claim 84 dependent from Claim 31, and Claims 81 and 82 generic to Claim 31.

Applicant also adds new Claim 85 dependent from Claim 41 and including the specific limitations with respect to the arc tube clip of Claim 45. Consideration and

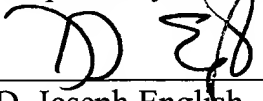
allowance of Claims 45-54 in Species IV is solicited because no additional burden is placed on the examiner in the examination of Claims 45-54 with the examination of Claims 41-44, Claim 85 dependent from Claim 41, and Claims 81 and 82 generic to Claim 41.

Applicant also adds new Claim 86 dependent from Claim 55 and including the specific limitations with respect to the shroud cap of Claim 60. Consideration and allowance of Claims 60-69 in Species VI is solicited because no additional burden is placed on the examiner in the examination of Claims 60-69 with the examination of Claims 55-59, Claim 86 dependent from Claim 55, and Claims 81 and 82 generic to Claim 55.

Consideration and allowance of Claims 31-69, 71-72, and 81-86 is solicited. No new matter has been added.

A further and favorable action and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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